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THE WRATH OF THE WORLD

Germany, in seeking to thrust her military scheme upon the world, has caused three-fourths of the world to rise up and give battle. Germany, prepared to whip the world at the time the storm broke out in Europe, expected to sweep through Europe and overwhelm France; but the militarists of Germany, it is seen, have stirred up the wrath of the world and caused millions of hands to strike at them. Three-fourths of the world's population, living in eighteen countries, now give resistance to the plans of the German government.

The strength of the iron ring of enemies which Germany has caused to combat her is comprehensively shown in the figures given out by the State Department to the news associations recently. The figures show that the persons living in the central empires are outnumbered more than seven times by anti-Teutonic populations and that the proportion is swelled even higher if consideration is taken of the populations of the ten countries which have broken relations with the Central Powers. It may be pointed out that of the world's total population of 1,691,000,000 about 1,342,000,000 live under flags of the enemies of the Central Powers. About 40,000,000 inhabit the countries which have broken relations and 132,000,000 are neutral, whereas the population of Germany and its allies is about 177,000,000. Of the world's total area of 57,000,000 square miles, 27,000,000 are under anti-German domination and the Germanic allies control only 5,000,000.

State Department records show the following nations at war with Germany or her allies: United States, Great Britain, Italy, France, Russia, Serbia, Japan, Belgium, Portugal, Rumania, Greece, Montenegro, San Marino, China, Cuba, Panama, Siam and Liberia. Ten other nations have broken relations with either Germany or one of her allies.

In three-fourths of the world the conviction is that the only peace of permanency that can now be seen is in the complete overthrow of the sort of government the emperor of Germany stands for. It is to accomplish this in the name of democracy that this war is being waged against the Central Powers by eighteen countries or three-fourths of the world.

FRANCE, THE BELOVED

America feels a kinship with and love for France that she does not bear to any other nation. It has been attributed to the fact that France helped us in our War for Independence and that we owe her a debt of gratitude.

But the psychic relation between the two countries is far deeper than such action warrants, and, in truth, cannot be fully explained by any historical fact or material formula.

It is that we secretly admire and long for the characteristics that distinguish the French from all other peoples? The Frenchman is romantic and impulsive—almost childlike in this respect. He is a dreamer as well as a doer. He is not so worldly-wise as is the Englishman or German.

America is young. We have not yet lost our own impulsiveness and romance of youth; we still dream dreams and put them into action. The glamour of life and of idealism is still a motive power with us.

Sociologists tell us that likes and dislikes are based on consciousness of kind. It is because we are like the French that we are drawn so closely to them. It is because we too feel the power of Joan of Arc, the inspiration of the Marseillaise, that our hand clasps the hand of the Frenchman with a little firmer grasp than it does that of the man who sings "God Save the King."

We incline to the belief that Henry A. Wise Wood objects to the publication of the New Testament except possibly in expurgated form.

Teachers' Examinations.

The next regular Boone County Teachers' Examinations will be held in the Circuit Court Room, Court House, Columbia, Mo., Friday and Saturday, March 1st and 2nd 1918. All teachers from other counties must present receipts and numbers from their county superintendents.

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JEWISH FESTIVAL SUPPER, "SE'UDAT PURIM," HELD HERE

Queen Esther of Persia is the Joan d'Arc of the Jews. The story of the salvation of the Jews living in the sixth century before Christ is woven around her. Some say the incident is fictitious; some say it is a fact. In all it is a beautiful story.

Yesterday was the day of its commemoration. The Poale Zionists of Columbia celebrated it last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Riback, 511 Turner avenue. After the supper singing, readings and the telling of jokes filled the program. The festival supper is known as "se'udat Purim." The day is called "Purim," or lots, for it was by means of a wheel of chance that the day of the destruction of the Jews was set by the king's vizier, Haman.

Ahasuerus a Great King.

Ahasuerus of Persia reigned from "India even unto Ethiopia, over a hundred and seven and twenty provinces." To show his greatness to his people, for he was a proud king, he made a grand feast. When all were gathered he displayed "the riches of his glorious kingdom and the honor of his excellent majesty many days." When the heart of the king had grown "merry with wine," he demanded that the queen, Vashti, show her beauty, for she was fair to look upon, to the people. She refused. The answer was her doom.

A new queen must be found, and the realms of the Persian empire were searched for a charming maiden. In the capital of the kingdom, Shushan, was dwelling a Jewess, Esther, and her cousin, Mordecai. "And the maiden was fair and beautiful." She would have hidden herself away, but her cousin was gifted with wisdom. "Go," he counselled her, "and it may be given to you to save your people from destruction." And the maiden went unto the palace of the king and found favor in his eyes and was chosen from all the beauties of the land to be queen to the king, Ahasuerus.

Esther Chosen as New Queen.

But Haman, grand vizier, hated the Jews, for they refused to bow before him. When Mordecai did not give him obeisance he fumed with anger and went to the king. "The Jews are an unfaithful people," he cried. "I will give you 10,000 silver talents to exterminate them all." And the king sorrow filled the heart of the Jews

of Persia. They tore their garments and put on sackcloth and ashes. As the day approached nearer and nearer to the slaughter, terror seized the afflicted people. At last Mordecai called to Esther at the palace and told her of the king's decree. "Go and ask for clemency," he ordered. "But this timid maiden feared to enter the room of the king without his permission. It was a custom that anyone who came there without being called by him should be slain. The girl refused to go. Then the cousin pointed out to her her duty. 'And who knoweth whether thou art not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?' The maiden consented to braid the lion in his den.

She Consents to Intercede.

For three days she fasted and then came to the court of the king and bowed before him. The beauty of Esther dazzled the eyes of the king. He bade her arise. "What wilt thou," Queen Esther? And what is thy request? It shall be given thee even to the half of the kingdom." For two days she feasted with the king in her chamber. On the second night she also invited Haman to the banquet. At the height of the feasting the king repeated his question, "What is thy request? It shall be given thee even to the half of the kingdom." Then she told him that she was a Jewess. She reminded him of his decree against her race. She begged for its revocation. The king grew angry. "Who," he asked, "has ordered this?" "He," she said, pointing at Haman. The king immediately recalled his decree and ordered Haman to be hanged on the same tree he had fixed up for Mordecai. And the Jewish race was delivered by the beauty and grace of Queen Esther.

Today, it is celebrated throughout Jewry on the fourteenth of Adar of the Jewish calendar. It is a day of feasting and joy and the sending of "portions one to the other and presents to the poor." Masquerading has become the fashion since the fifteenth century. It was introduced by the Italian Jews from the Roman carnival. It is also customary in some places to burn Haman's effigy. But the main observance is the giving of dainties and money to the poor, even among the Gentiles.

SPRING VEGETABLE SEED SHOULD BE PLANTED NOW

The farm news department of the College of Agriculture is serving the farmers and amateur farmers of this state by issuing bulletins of information in regard to crops. The most recent of these deals with the early planting of seed for vegetables.

Seed for early crops of cabbage, cauliflower, and celery, it says should be sown in February. Ten days or two weeks later, seed of tomato pepper, eggplant, head lettuce and similar crops should be planted in the hotbed also. It is advisable to divide the bed with a partition, keeping one section cool to suit the first group of vegetables which grow best at temperatures of 50 to 60 degrees Fahrenheit, while the other section can be used for the second group, which grow best at 75 to 80 degrees. The simple manure-heated hotbed with hotbed with fifteen inches of fresh fermenting horse manure under four inches of medium rich soil and covered with standard glass sash, is quite satisfactory for growing early vegetable plants.

The seed may be sown in a few rows at one side of the bed, or perhaps a few shallow boxes in the windows of a fairly warm room indoors may serve. As soon as the seedlings form a second pair of leaves, which will be from two to three weeks after the seed are sown, they will be ready to transplant to the hotbed. They should be set two by three inches apart. This transplanting should not injure the roots severely. It gives the individual plants room in which to develop

short, stocky, leafy stems with large root systems, instead of the tall spindling plants with few roots which are produced when the plants are crowded. Usually it is best to set the plants directly in the soil of the hotbed, but it is also convenient to set them in flats or shallow boxes which can be placed in the hotbed and later shifted to a coldframe without disturbing the plants.

Large plants, says J. T. Rosa, Jr. of the College of Agriculture, such as tomato and eggplants, should be transplanted twice for best results. The seedlings are set in the hotbed two by three inches apart, or transplanted to flats in the same manner as other plants. As they become crowded or root-bound in this position, four or five weeks later, they should be removed to a coldframe, where they may be set four by four inches apart or, better still, potted in four-inch clay pots, which are staged side by side in the coldframe.

Here the plants are gradually exposed to outdoor conditions and hardened off by withholding part of the water supply, so that they become tough and stocky before being transplanted to the garden. It is well worth while to take some trouble to grow good vegetable plants. The earliness and yield of the crop well repay this. It should be remembered that the big succulent plants are not as good as the medium sized, stocky, toughened plants, which grow fast after transplanting. Plant seeds now, so that there will be ample time to grow good plants without forcing them too fast.

Daily Food Hint

Study your meals. Ask yourself: Does this meal mean the change of milk, cheese, eggs, game, nuts and peas for beef, mutton, pork? Does it mean the use of barley, corn, oats, potatoes and rye instead of wheat? Are you substituting honey, molasses, corn sirup or other sirup for sugar, so as to reduce the amount of sugar used to three pounds or less per person per month?

Potato Sausages.

One cup mashed potatoes.
One cup ground nuts, fish or meat.
One egg, well beaten.
One and one-half teaspoons salt.
One-eighth teaspoon pepper.
Two tablespoonfuls cooking oil.
Mix the mashed potatoes and seasonings with the ground nuts, fish or meat. Add beaten egg. Form into little cakes or sausages, roll in flour and place in greased pan with a little oil on each sausage. Bake in a fairly hot oven until brown.

Cottage Chowder.

Parboil eight potatoes, first cutting them into dice. Fry about half a pound of salt pork, sliced; remove from the pan and fry a large onion in

NAVY NEEDS MORE "EYES"

Kansas Citizens Asked to Put Optical Glasses at Government's Disposal. By Associated Press.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 27.—Emphasized by the Tuscania disaster, an appeal from Franklin D. Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy, for binoculars, spyglasses and telescopes, is meeting with a response here and throughout the southwest in the form of an intensive campaign to induce every citizen who owns such a glass to place it at the disposal of the Government. The campaign in Kansas City is directed from the local recruiting office. Lieutenant Ralph B. Campbell in charge. The actual work of calling attention to the need of the navy for more "eyes" is being done by seventy-five members of the "four-minute men" organization who are speaking each night at the theaters and public gatherings throughout the city.

Although the Navy was well supplied with binoculars and spyglasses for ordinary warfare, the call of the Kansas City recruiting officers points out, it was not prepared to furnish the great numbers of glasses needed to combat the submarines, to which invisibility is of vital importance. The needs of the American Navy have been made more acute by the rapid expansion of its forces together with the cutting off of the European supply. Previous to the war this country obtained most of its fine optical glass

and instruments from Germany, Switzerland and France.

Now the situation is such that even a pair of good opera glasses in the hands of a sailor may be more fortunate in "picking up" the rise of a periscope above the surface than a more powerful glass in the hands of the lookout or officer, since it will enable the ship's observers to cover a wider area of sea at any point of which a U-boat might be concealed.

Patriotic Americans are asked to lend their binoculars, spyglasses and telescopes to the navy and they will be returned, if possible, at the close of the war with the Government's thanks and the added historic interest that will be attached to them. They will first be examined at the naval observatory and, if accepted, the owners will be sent \$1. the rental price if returned and the purchase price if lost. The glasses will then be marked with a metal tag with the owner's name and address, and the owner's key number, opposite his name in the record, engraved on the instrument to insure identification.

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26 in Cattle Judging Contest.

In the dairy cattle judging contest yesterday afternoon twenty-six Short Course students competed for the medals. Four classes of animals were judged, two of jersey cows and two of holstein cows. The contest was held under the auspices of the Students' Dairy Association. The names of the winners will be announced and gold medals will be presented to them by Dean F. B. Mumford at the Short Course banquet.

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